



GEO GRAPHY

OPERATION RED ALERT operates in 5 states that historically hold among the highest risk of human trafficking in the country. These are the states that NGOs and local anti human trafficking units confirm are some of the highest risk source areas for girls being trafficked into forced sexual slavery. Prevention in these states is crutial.

Maharashtra was added as the fifth and newest state in which Operation Red Alert is working towards prevention. We have moved into the state with the strategic partnership of Save the Children India who are assisting in not just implementation but also monitoring and evaluation. The mission of coalition-lead prevention is becoming a reality throughout India, and we are grateful to our partners for leading this movement with us.

"THANK YOU FOR TRAINING OUR NGO AND GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE SAFE VILLAGE PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA. THERE ARE MANY TRAFFICKING PRONE VILLAGES THAT ARE IN NEED OF THIS PROGRAM!"

SANTOSH RAUT - ABHINAV BHARAT SAMAJ SEVA MANDAL

TELANGANA

WEST BENGAL

KARNATAKA



MAHARASTRA

ANDHRA PRADESH

PILLAR # GRASSROOTS EDUCATION

"A GREAT OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO US
THROUGH THE SAFE VILLAGE PROGRAM TO CREATE
AWARENESS AMONG CHILDREN AND ELDERS ABOUT
SEX TRAFFICKING. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THIS
PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATION RED ALERT, AND
WILL PUT IN ALL OUR EFFORT TO REACH THE GOAL OF
ENDING SEX TRAFFICKING BY 2025."

PRASAD UDDANDRAO - VIDYA FOUNDATION



68 ACTIVE IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



1375 SAFE VILLAGES CREATED



912,663 INDIVIDUALS FROM HIGH RISK AREAS EDUCATED



100+ NGOS TRAINED ON PREVENTION, RESEARCH, PROGRAMS AND TOOLS



1,44 1 HOURS SPENT TRAINING NGOS ON PREVENTION



LANGUAGE SUPPORT OPTIONS THROUGH HELPLINE AND VILLAGE TOOLKIT



STATES CURRENTLY IMPACTED THROUGH SAFE VILLAGE PROGRAM



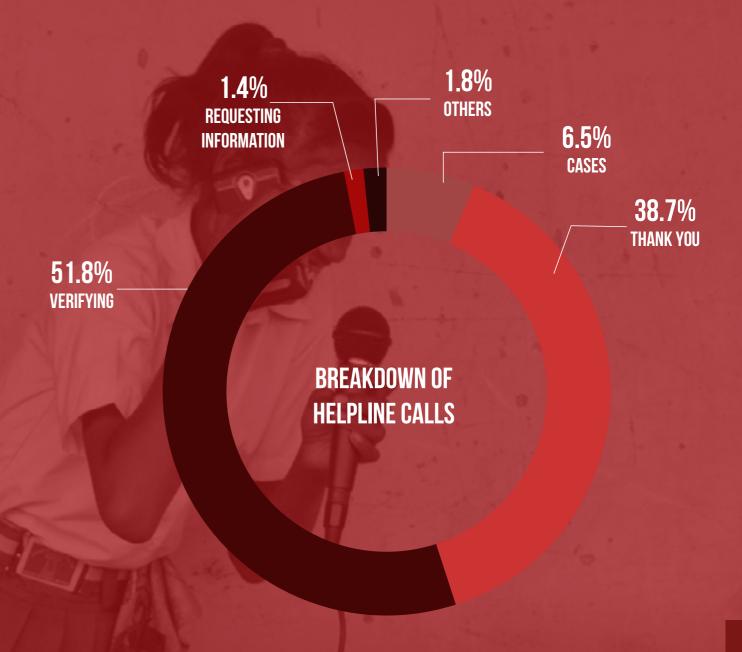
THE Red Alert Helpline remains the only dedicated helpline in India addressing Human Sex Trafficking. We are getting more calls than ever, and now have more partners to support the cases we receive through it. The helpline is supported in 6 languages, covering all the major languages of the states in which we operate.

The Red Alert helpline receives many calls of verification, thank you's, and non-trafficking case reports. Our team handles each call call its due importance, even if it is "just" a call to say thank you or to verify that someone would respond. We look at every call as an opportunity to instill trust among stakeholders in the work and the mission of Operation Red Alert. Our helpline responders know that a simple call for verification can easily lead to a case report down the road. Every call impacts perceptions of grassroots stakeholders on the programs and the local Implementing Partners.

We receive many non-trafficking cases, and are able to respond to them by activating the support of our local Implementing Partners and their network organisations. While non-trafficking cases can be perceived as outside of our mandate of operations, we do not treat them that way. Every case of domestic violence, child marriage and missing children (in particular) is followed through on until the best possible resolution. Domestic violence is a critical push factor, causing girls to be vulnerable to running away from or willingly leaving home with a stranger. Child marriage is one of the most common tactics that traffickers use to lure families into letting young girls go. Our Implementing and Strategic partners have worked together to resolve domestic violence, locate and rescue missing children, stop child marriages, counsel parents on keeping children in school, and so much more.

The Operation Red Alert Helpline represents a coalition of do-anything partners who are committed to the safety of girls, and the reduction of vulnerabilities of their families. Together, we are providing assistance to thousands who have no other options for recourse. What an honour it is to be working together to impact thousands of lives.

- 16,759 HELPLINE CALLS
- 3,865 UNIQUE CALLERS
 - ! 80 HELPLINE CASES



PILAR# SMEDIA

NOTES TO MY FATHER

NOTES TO MY FATHER, the world's 1st live action Virtual Reality documentary on sex trafficking was viewed for the first time in January 2017, at Sundance Film Festival. It went on to make its World Premiere at SXSW Film Festival, followed by a world tour at international film festivals, events, conferences, and more. It was shown at the SKOLL Forum in Oxford, and at Trust Conference in London, and it achieved an incredible response from each person who was immersed in the powerful story of Ramadevi and her father Kullyappa.

The film won the UN Women Film Festival Award for Best 360/VR Film.

The film has been viewed over 340,000 times on Facebook alone since being made public in September 2017. The story, which emphasizes the importance of good fathers and keeping girls in school has captured the hearts of individuals and media alike. If you haven't seen the film yet watch it now on Facebook or YouTube, or any of the major VR platforms.





343,692 SOCIAL VIEWS







JACK THAFFICKING IN INDIA

BOLLYWOOD actor and crowdfunding platform founder Kunal Kapoor wrote a spoken word poem on sex trafficking and used it as the campaign video for a fundraising for Operation Red Alert. The video was viewed nearly 454,000 times, and was unequivocally well received. Crucially, the video succeeded in confronting passive acceptance of commercial sexual exploitation by spurring empathy for the hidden pain of lost innocence, and severed family bonds. The campaign is an exciting example of how we are working to put India on Red Alert to end sex trafficking in our own backyard!

∞ 459,834 VIEWS

₹ 68,775 INR MONEY RAISED

MISST DO MORE THAN SURVIVE TRAFFICIONS

ESOMAR

WORLD RESEARCH

ESOMAR Foundation & Partners - In 2016, the Red Alert Research Paper won the most prestigious global award for market research - the ESOMAR Excellence Award. In 2017, ESOMAR invited us back to their annual Congress to present on the impact of our research in a segment dedicated to learning about social-impact of their field. Ahead of the Congress, ESOMAR Foundation received a very generous donation from AOL's OATH program to run a banner ad. ESOMAR Foundation partnered with System1 to create the ad campaign, and chose our research paper to base the campaign on. Here's what John Kearon, CEO of System1 said about working on the campaign -

"THEIR WORK REPRESENTED RESEARCH AT ITS BEST — AND WE DECIDED TO TRANSLATE ITS NUANCED AND COMPLEX FINDINGS INTO A CAMPAIGN THAT WOULD GRAB PEOPLE EMOTIONALLY AND RAISE BOTH AWARENESS AND MONEY."



1,200+ ATTENEDEES

12

Hyderabad

x = independently organized TED event

FOUNDER, Elca Grobler received a standing ovation from over 3,000 attendees at India's flagship TEDx event. The talk was painstakingly crafted to highlight solutions that both men and women can share in, and to challenge India to think about the power of an "Army of Good Fathers". The positivity that her TEDx talk received exceeded all expectations, with men in particular sharing their support. The video has so far received nearly 3,000 views on Facebook and YouTube! Eliminating violence and exploitation about women and girls is an "idea worth spreading" indeed!



2,815 ONLINE VIDEO VIEWS *AS OF DECEMBER 2017



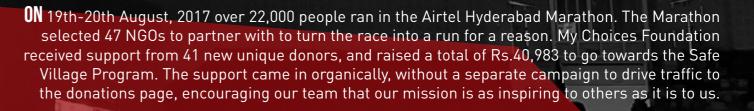
NOBEL laureate Kailash Satyarthi has called for a war on child sexual abuse. To kickstart the movement, he organized the Bharat Yatra, an 11,000km (6,385 mile) walk across 22 states of India with local events in each major city. The Yatra came through our home city of Hyderabad where the Operation Red Alert team helped organize and spoke at the city's rally. The Yatra sparked enormous conversation in India about the importance of children's safety and rights. Each step taken was dedicated to #MakeIndiaSafe.



10,000,000 TOTAL PLEDGES



2 airtel **HYDERABAD MARATHON 28TH AUGUST 2016**



40,983 TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

10,000+ MARATHON SIZE

COALITION BUILDING

At Operation Red Alert, our aim is to unify the voice of the anti-trafficking community. The only way to do this is to build a coalition of NGOs who are willing to work together with a shared mission and vision.

We will never be able to curb this evil alone. Activists, NGOs, academics, private sector, government and citizens have to come together as a strong coalition to fight the largest criminal network in the world - the traffickers of human beings

WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IT'S NOT ABOUT WHO GETS THE CREDIT, IT'S ABOUT HOW MANY LITTLE GIRLS WE CAN KEEP SAFE!

72 IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

An implementing partner is a grassroots NGO that has received training from Operation Red Alert on the Safe Village Program, and is equipped with the resources to run it in their area of operations. Each Implementing Partner dedicates between 2 - 6 team members to the Safe Village Program, and conducts a minimum of 3 programs per month.

10+ STRATEGIC PARTNERS

A Strategic Partner is an NGO that is committed to the coalition effort, and is committed to providing support to cases of human trafficking reported through the Red Alert Helpline. We are proud to partner with heroes in the anti-trafficking field, and together, help lead the joint effort to combat human trafficking.

QUANTIUMTECHNOLOGY PARTNER

We have partnered with Quantium, a big data analytics company, that has built a technology-based ecosystem to identify high-risk hotspots for trafficking.

Quantium helped us in prioritizing our intervention in vulnerable areas for a better impact. They have also built a mobile-based reporting tool to help simplify all our partner's and field worker's reporting needs.

NETWORK FORUM

In 2017 Operation Red Alert launched its first Anti-Human Trafficking Network Forum event. This partnership-building gathering will be held semi-annually going forward. The first Network Forum took place in August in Kolkata. More than 80 NGOs from in and around West Bengal participated, and each one took a pledge to work together to end human trafficking and modern day slavery.

THE FREEDOM COLLABORATIVE

The Freedom Collaborate is a joint initiative by Liberty Asia and Chab Dai, and does just what the name states. It is a platform that fosters collaboration for freedom fighters. Operation Red Alert is proud to have become a regional partner, helping Freedom Collaborative connect Indian NGOs with the platform and all the resources it offers. So far, we have helped 40 grassroots NGOs connect with Freedom Collaborative, and we look forward to assisting many more connect with the amazing resources that the platform makes available.

PREVENTION STORIES GOUSIA AND HER GUARDIAN GIRL 15 year old Gousia dreams of becoming a teacher so that she can "quide children" while they are growing up. Her father passed away a few years ago, and ever since that time Gousia's mother,

elder sister, and brother-in-law pressured her to get married.

When Gousia finished her 10th grade, her family forced her to end her education, and began arranging her marriage. She refused the idea saying "I will not get married, because I have to finish my education to be a teacher". No one listened to her. They were more concerned with finding Gousia a husband who could take care of her.

Gousia's friend Usha promised she would help her get out of the forced marriage. Usha had attended the Operation Red Alert Safe Village Program (SVP), and had learned about how to be a Guardian Girl. Guardian Girls look out for other girls, and make sure they stay in school. She knew what to do if a girl in her village was being forced to get married instead of go to school. Usha built up the courage to call the Red Alert Helpline. The call was directed to local Implementing Partner FMMSSS, who had been the partner to conduct the SVP in their village.

FMMSSS showed up in their village, intervened and stopped the marriage. They made sure that Gousia was admitted back into school, starting her new year in 11th grade (called college in India). They counseled Gousia's family, and made them aware that marrying Gousia at the age of 15 would not only limit her options in life, but would also be breaking the law. Her family knows that if Gousia is forced to guit school to get married, that they will be reported to the police.

Gousia says "now my dreams of becoming a teacher will come true thanks to my friend Usha, who is my Guardian Girl!".

A NOTE ON EARLY MARRIAGE AND TRAFFICKING:

Marriage is one of the most common guises that traffickers use to trick their victims and victim's families. It is common for a trafficker to invest substantial resources into faking a marriage in order to traffick a girl. Operation Red Alert treats every case of child and early marriage that is reported to our helpline like a potential trafficking case. Stopping a child marriage means more than preventing a girl from a marriage that puts her at risk of poor health, childbearing complications and higher susceptibility to domestic violence. It also eliminates the possibility of her being trafficked into a much worse fate.



SAIDUL is a father of three daughters and two sons. They belong to a poor minority community in Kuldia village. Saidul and his wife work in the unskilled agriculture sector as a daily wage laborer. Both of them are illiterate, and unable to pursue better opportunities. They have a MGNREGA job card, but it only helps them with around 100 days of employment per year. Their resources are unpredictable, and they find it very difficult to support their family.

The Aila cyclone, which took place in 2009, damaged Saidul's village in ways they are still recovering from. Many families from his area arrange their daughter's marriage with people they do not know, who do not live in their village, hoping to secure their daughter's future and to make it easier to provide for the rest of the family.

When a neighbor woman came to Saidul and brought a marriage proposal for his 16-year-old daughter Rabia* from a man in Delhi, Saidul thought it was a good opportunity for his girl. The neighbor said the man was a successful business person, who would look after Rabia well. "I thought that Rabia would be happy, and would get at least two meals per day" said Saidul.

Preparations were nearly underway for their marriage, despite the family never having met the man in person. Then, on 15th of June, 2017 Operation Red Alert Implementing Partner, HASUS, conducted a Safe Village Program in Saidul's village. Saidul learned about human trafficking, trafficker's modes of operation, and how thousands of adolescent girls go missing each year, including from their own district. They learned about the mental and physical consequences of child marriage on young girls and boys, and that it is illegal for a girl under 18 to be married. They also learned that traffickers purposefully target illiterate and economically poor families, knowing they are more susceptible to their tricks.

Saidul says that the SVP was his eye opener. Immediately after the program, he went home and spoke to his wife about what he learnt, and the possible consequences of getting Rabia married to the man in Delhi. Both of them agreed that the marriage must be stopped, so their daughter would stay safe.

When Saidul informed the neighbor woman who helped arrange the marriage that they did not want to go through with it, she pushed them to reconsider. For several days, she continued to visit their house and urge Saidul to make the decision for his daughter's happiness. Finally, Saidul told her that if she visited them again they would inform the local police station and call the Red Alert helpline. Only then did the woman stop harassing Saidul. Saidul and the local Implementing Partner who conducted the SVP suspected this woman could be a broker for a local trafficking ring, a fact that was later confirmed when they discovered she is associated with other girls going missing and never being heard from again. If Saidul had sent Rabia to be married, they almost certainly would never have heard from her again.

Now Saidul is a self motivated activist, like many others in this village who were a part of the SVP. He said, "I am a lucky person in this village, because I got the opportunity to attend the meeting, which helped me save my daughter's life and save her from human trafficking."

According to ORA Implementing Partner, HASUS, "At present hundreds of educated and motivated fathers are living in these villages, and are proactively working against child marriage. Through their active involvement, incidences of child marriage and missing children cases have been significantly reducing in these vulnerable villages."

PREVENTION STORIES

MITHALI AND HER BROTHER

15-year-old Mithali was returning from her usual computer class in southern West Bengal when a fellow student introduced himself to her. He was at least 7 years older, but he gave her a lot of attention. They quickly became friends, and eventually she was seeing him after class every day. One day, he offered her a sweet lassi (yoghurt drink), and the next thing she remembers was waking up in Delhi over a thousand kilometers away from home. Her "friend" had laced her drink with a sedative. She doesn't know how she got there, but when she regained consciousness, she was locked up in a room in a place she had never seen before. She soon discovered that her boyfriend had sold her to a brothel.

A few days after she went missing, Operation Red Alert's Implementing Partner, BBSS, conducted a Safe Village Program (SVP) in Mithali's village. Upendra, Mithali's brother, was at the program. Distressed about Mithali being missing, he took the opportunity to report her case to the BBSS team. Though Upendra and his family had reported Mithali's missing to the police, they hadn't received any help.

BBSS was able to mobilize the police to conduct an investigation. Eventually, they found her in Delhi. She was immediately rescued and moved to a safe home in Delhi, then sent home to West Bengal to be with her family. She was gone for about 3 months, but her family says that it felt like an eternity. There was no joy at home while she was missing.

Now, Mithali is back in school, and joy has returned to her family. She is in 11th grade, doing well, and dreaming of what she will achieve after her schooling. Her family, especially her big brother, are proud of their courageous girl who exudes happiness and confidence.

**A note on men and boys: Operation Red Alert firmly believes that men and boys have at least 50% part in the solution to ending trafficking - in some cases, even more. Fathers make decisions for their daughter's futures, brothers look out for the safety of their sisters, and men are often responsible for the governing of a village. Men and boys are much needed allies in the effort to put an end to sex trafficking. Together, we can create a respectful and safe society for women and girls.



NOTESFROM

FROM VIVIAN ISSAC, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Many "colleagues" in the cause ask me about what and excited about the program. We ask the children indications we use to measure the success of our to share the learnings from the session with their village-level interventions. The metrics of success parents. that are most widely accepted are: the reduction of trafficking cases; the reduction of child abuse cases; Later in the day, as we held meetings with groups and the increase in calls to the Red Alert Helpline of mothers and fathers, Nilaya and her friends reporting trafficking and missing children.

high-risk villages we have conducted the program in that form the core part of my definition of success. When I see the grateful faces of the school girls thanking me for the program, I know how much our efforts mean. No amount of data could tell the story of impact as effectively as the gratitude of these little girls. The only negative response to our program was when we are asked "why didn't you come sooner".

Facing the evil of sex trafficking can be discouraging. Despite all our efforts, we are often shocked at how far there is to go, how much there is to learn, and how difficult it is to affect change. What keeps me going and gives me hope is the time I spend with girls like in Dadpur Village in Maharashtra. When I and the skeptical because their teachers hadn't prepared them for them for the session. Once we got started our program with fun activities, the children's faces lit up with joy. Nilaya was particularly well engaged these precious girls safe.

followed us around, watching each program from a distance. During the multimedia presentation in the For me, however, it is the real experiences from the evening, Nilaya showed up early and then acted like a principal, making sure all the other kids were sitting down and staying quiet so that the program would be undisturbed. On the second day of the Save Village Program, we go back to the school to ask the children about their parent's response to the program. Little Nilaya shared that her father had promised her that he would not marry her off early, but would send her for higher studies. She told me, "Thank you for coming. Now we know that we girls are very valuable, and that each of us has a responsibility to keep each other safe. I'm so happy you came all the way with comic books to teach us and our parents how to keep us safe."

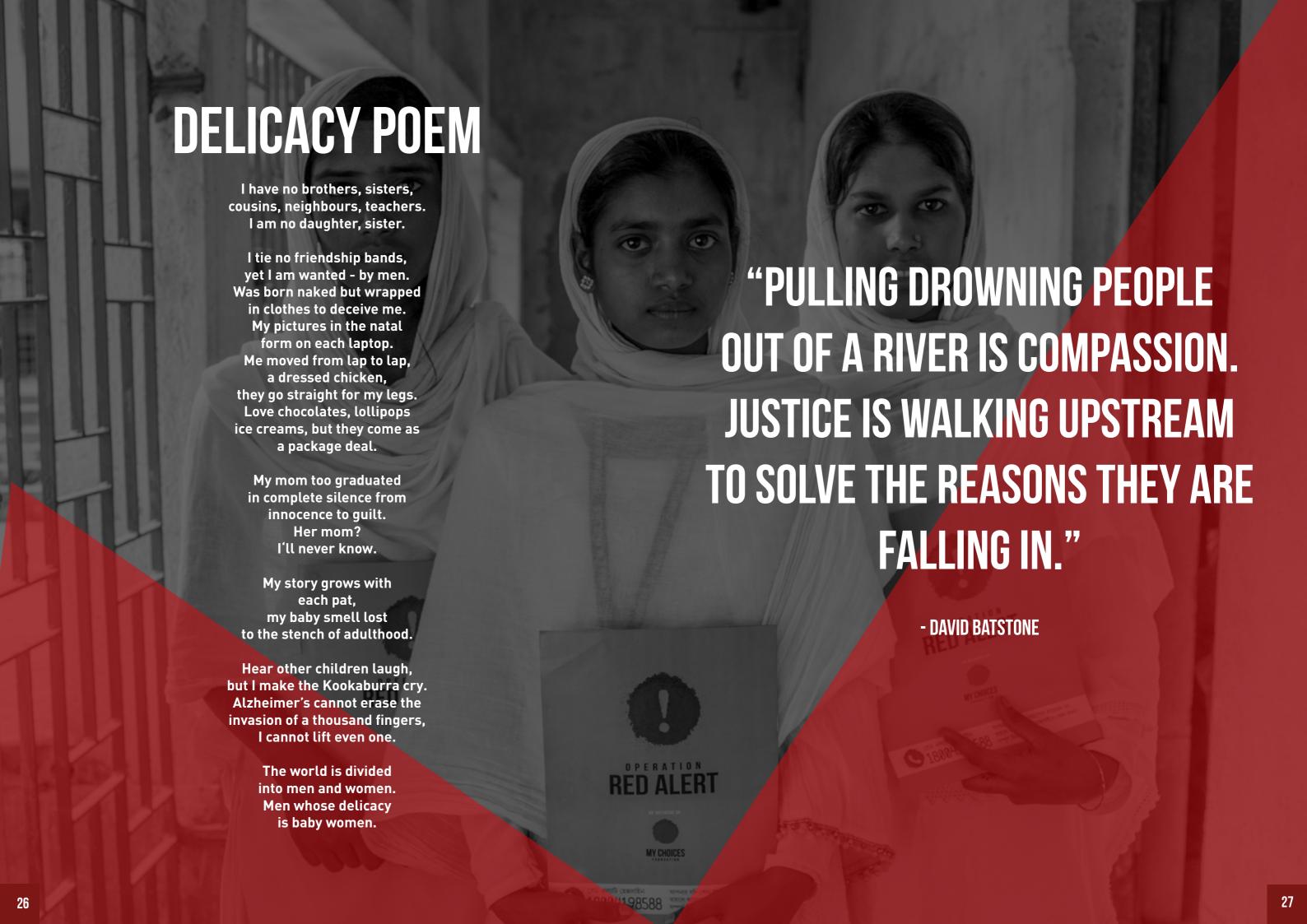
13-year-old Nilaya Patil. I met Nilaya at her school These are the moments, when we personally experience and connect with the impact of our team first arrived at her school, the children looked work, that drive us to train more partners, reach more villages, conduct Safe Village Programs, train Rakshaks, and keep expanding the Red Alert Helpline. All our efforts are made in effort to keep

Staying on top of trends and remaining agile in our approach to end trafficking is essential if we are to combat the traffickers and put an end to their work. We must do more than keep up with their everevolving tactics. Operation Red Alert works with over 80 partners across India, with whom we are always learning. In the past year, a report was published by International Justice Mission (IJM). The significant impossible to locate these girls. finding of their report was that the number of minors being exploited in red light areas has drastically dropped. What is more important than this exceptional drop, however, is the reason why.

While it is more difficult than ever to find a minor girl in one of India's red light district brothels, it does not mean that there are fewer of them being exploited. Human trafficking is such a lucrative business that the traffickers are able to earn more and more profit taking less and less risk. Across India, commercial sex exploitation is slowly moving underground, into the private domain. Brothels are being abandoned and

traffickers are moving their slaves to upscale lodges, homes in quiet residential areas, communities with high elderly population, and other areas known for safety. It used to be fairly common to spot a young girl working in a red light area. Their presence in specific areas made it much easier to investigate and organise raids to rescue them. Now, it is nearly

While rescue operations and the process for sustained freedom that follows will always be a critical part of providing justice to survivors, it is not an effective deterrent to the traffickers. We have to invest our efforts where children are vulnerable. We know that the battlefield for freedom is in the rural villages, urban slums, and urban adolescent hotspots where minor aged children are being trafficked in the open simply because their communities do not know how to protect them. Operation Red Alert is on a mission to create Safe Villages and Communities by putting them on Red Alert. Will you join us?





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